

Faculty Advisory Committee
Annual Report for the 2023-2024 Academic Year
Submitted by Bill Sudduth, University Libraries , chair

The Faculty Advisory Committee of the University Faculty Senate met ten (10) times during the 2023-2024 academic year, not including a joint townhall with the University Committee on Professional Track Faculty (UCPTF) on Thursday, January 18th from 9 am-9 pm in the Hollings Library Program Room.

Much of the fall 2023 semester was working with the UCPTF on the revision and finalizing of the new section of the Faculty Manual passed at the February 2024 meeting of the Faculty Senate. The committee is very appreciative of the time and effort given to this significant revision to the Faculty Manual and the forty plus participants in the January 18, 2024, town hall. This project would not have been completed without the dedication and hard work of Timothy Baker and Bree Alexander of UCPTF and support from the Office of the Provost.

The committee also worked on recommendations to change the Faculty Senate Schedule, dropping the June meeting in favor of adding a January and May meetings. This puts the senate's schedule within the nine-month contract of many faculty members.

The committee also reviewed the calendar for the faculty senate through the 2026/2027 academic year for potential conflicts with the academic schedule and significant religious holidays.

In the spring 2024 semester, the committee began working on proposals to create committees on Faculty research and the Core Curriculum.

The committee is still reviewing the reallocation of the senate's apportionment with possible reduction from the current 1:10 ratio (over 180 senators) to a 1:15 or 1:20 ratio which would reduce the senate to approximately 90-120 members.

The committee is also reviewing proposals to allocate membership for Palmetto College on the Instructional Development, Curriculum & Courses, Faculty Senate Steering Committees.

The committee met briefly in May to elect the following co-chairs for the 2024-2025 academic year, Bill Sudduth (University Libraries) and Mark Minett (CAS/English Language and Literature). The committee also discussed priorities for the next year.

As chair I would like to thank the members of the committee for their hard work and diligence on the above issues and discussions within the committee.

The following members of the faculty served on the committee during the 2023-2024 academic year:

Subra Bulusu – CAS/Earth, Ocean, Environment – on sabbatical spring 2024

Laura Brashears – CAS/Sociology – spring 2024 semester replacement

Erik Doxtader – CAS/English

Jabarie Glass – Music

Leigh Moscovitz – CIC/Journalism

Rachel Onello – Nursing

Biplav Srivastava – CEC/Computer Science & Engineering

Lingyu Yu – CEC/Mechanical Engineering

The 2024-2025 committee members will be:

Rafael Becerrill – DMSB/Marketing

Mindy Fenske – CAS/English Language and Literature

Jabarie Glass – Music

Susan Kuo – Rice School of Law

Mark Minette – CAS/English Language and Literature (co-chair)

Biplav Srivastava – CEC/Computer Science & Engineering

Bill Sudduth – University Libraries (co-chair)

Nancy Tolson – CAS/African American Studies